

Col. Allen Jamerson, 90th Security Forces Group Commander, cheers on the Guardian Challenge team members during the team announcement ceremony March 10 at the 90th Logistics Readiness Squadron High Bay.

## Guardian Challenge 2006

Senior Airman Lauren Hasinger 90th Space Wing Public Affairs

Warren's finest troops are preparing to go head to head with others from Air Force Space Command for this year's Guardian Challenge competition scheduled to be held at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., May 8 through 12.

Representing Warren this year will be members from the 90th Operations Group, 90th Maintenance Group and 90th Security Forces Group.

Guardian Challenge is the only AFSPC major competition that pits the best space command teams against each

other. It is the only opportunity for those competing to demonstrate their abilities and effectiveness of their training during peacetime in a competitive environment.

Guardian Challenge, originally named Olympic Arena, was created in 1967 to improve readiness and combat capabilities, create competition-tough personnel and enhance esprit de corps. The event was renamed Guardian Challenge in 1993 when the space and missile career fields merged. the Guardian Challenge Web

Teams are chosen though

rigorous written and several stages of a practical exam. Then the training begins; although some groups – like security forces can't begin training until 30 days prior to the event. Operator's training began early March with two phases. The first phase consists of studying procedures, AFIs and more. Phase two is hands on. Maintenance, for example, will work on a task from a script developed by trainers.

Warren will compete for the coveted Blanchard Trophy that Guardian Challenge reflects is awarded to the best space the "Guardian's of the High ICBM wing team. Warren Frontier" motto, according to previously won the Blanchard The best space operations wing team is given the Aldridge Tro-

phy and the best space launch wing team receives the Schriever Trophy.

Awards are also presented to the best missile operations crew, the best space operations crew and the best spacelift operations crew. Functional area awards are given to the best maintenance, security police, communications, missile code controller and helicopter elements.

This competition has been held nearly every year since 1967. In 1968 and 2002 the challenge was canceled due to the Vietnam War and Operation Iraqi Freedom respectively. in 1973, 1984, 1996 and 1997. It was canceled last year, and, due to funding, will now be held biannually.

## **Team roster**

**Security Forces team** 1st Lt. Eric Carlson, 90th Security Forces Squadron Airman 1st Class Jorge Richardson, 90 SFS Airman 1st Class Shawn Sutter, 90th Missile Security Forces Squadron Airman 1st Class Richard Phillips, 790th Missile Security Forces Squadron Staff Sgt. Christopher Storms, 90th Security Forces Group

Missile Handling team Staff Sgt. Brian Rayner, 90th Maintenance Group Staff Sgt. Christopher Bird, 90th Maintenance Operations Squadron Senior Airman Justin Lee, 90th Missile Maintenance Squadron Airman 1st Class Neil Inman, 90 MMXS

Power, Refrigeration and Electric team Tech. Sgt. James Rosebrock, 90 MXG Senior Airman Roderick

Mance, 90 MOS

Staff Sgt. Brett Tatem, 90 Airman 1st Class Steven Rutledge, 90 MMXS

Mechanical team Staff Sgt. Clement Blackmom, 90 MOS Staff Sgt. Gary Wayland, 90

**Missile Communications** team Airman 1st Class Daniel

Prejmak, 90 MMXS Airman 1st Class Kristopher Johansson, 90 MMXS

Capt. Jacob Brittingham, 37th Helicopter Squadron 1st Lt. Bryan Tuinman, 37 Airman 1st Class Charles

Helicopter team

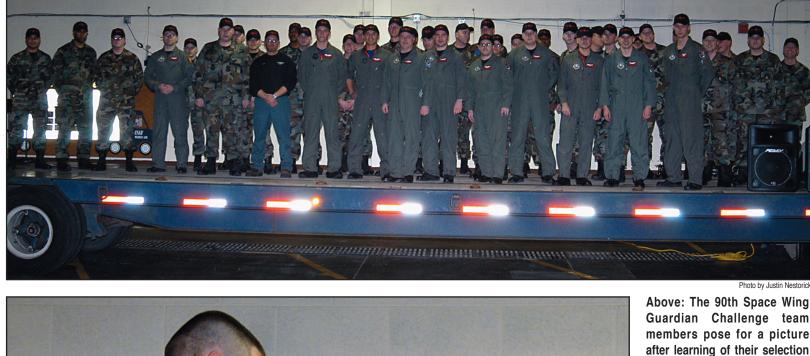
Davis, 37 HS

Operations team Capt. Frank McDermott, 90th Operations Group Capt. Eric Ward, 90th Operations Support Squadron 1st Lt. Clint Law, 90 OSS

1st Lt. Brian Brink, 90 OG

Bryan Shrove, 37 HS

Electro Mechanical team





**Logistics Readiness Squadron** High Bay. Left: Col. Michael Carey, 90th Space Wing Commander, welcomes Airman 1st Class Daniel Preimak, 90th Missile Maintainence squadron, to the Guardian Challenge team May 10

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at the 90 LRS High Bay. Guardian Challenge began in 1967 and is the only Air Force Space Command competition that pits the best Space Command teams against each other. It is scheduled to be held May 8 to 12 at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.

